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SUBJECT: MEETING OF GDR AMBASSADOR WITH COMMERCE

SECRETARY DENT AND BEWT DIRECTOR DOWNEY

1. GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER MADE A COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY DENT, FEBRUARY 4 AND FOLLOWING THIS HE ALSO MET WITH BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE DIRECTOR DOWNEY. BOTH MEETINGS WERE UPBEAT WITH BOTH SIDES EXPRESSING HOPE THAT TRADE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED.

2. IN MEETING WITH DOWNEY, SIEBER STRESSED IMPORTANCE GDR ATTACHED TO CONCLUDING EARLY TRADE AGREEMENT SO THAT U.S. COULD ASSUME MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN 1976-1980 GDR FOREIGN TRADE PLAN. SIEBER ALSO STATED GDR HOPED TO OBTAIN MFN IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHEN PROVISION IN TRADE ACT LINKING MFN TO EMIGRATION MIGHT BE MODIFIED. DOWNEY IN STRAIGHT-FORWARD RESPONSE
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ADVISED AMBASSADOR THAT, THOUGH POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT

CONGRESS COULD BE PERSUADED TO AMEND TRADE ACT, GDR HAD
BETTER LIVE WITH "CURRENT REALITIES" CONCERNING
EMIGRATION PROVISION. (FY I SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED
IN HIS JAN. 14 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
POSITION RE THE U.S.S.R. WAS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD

"CONTINUE TO PURSUE ALL AVAILABLE AVENUES FOR AN OVERALL
IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN
LEGISLATION THAT WILL PERMIT NORMAL TRADING RELATIONSHIPS,)
END FY I.

3. WHEN POSSIBILITY OF EARLY TRADE AGREEMENT RAISED, BOTH
SECRETARY AND DOWNEY STRESSED U.S. WISHED TO FOLLOW
STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH, RESOLVING CONSULAR AND CLAIMS
ISSUES BEFORE CONSIDERING MFN QUESTION. DOWNEY ALSO
CITED SPEECH BY SOVIET TRADE UNION CHIEF SHELEPIN IN
WHICH SHELEPIN EMPHASIZED POSITIVE EFFECTS AND CONTINUED
DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET TRADE DESPITE ALLEGED
"DISCRIMINATORY" NATURE OF TRADE ACT.

4. WHEN DISCUSSION TURNED TO PRESUMED CANCELLATION OF
GDR TECHNICAL WEEKS IN U.S., SIEBER SURPRISED DOWNEY
WITH STATEMENT THAT TECHNICAL WEEKS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN
LATE APRIL AND EARLY MAY. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM
WITH GDR AUTHORITIES PLANS GDR MAY HAVE TO GO AHEAD WITH
TECHNICAL WEEKS AND SO ADVISE COMMERCE. DOWNEY EXPRESSED
HIS PLEASURE AT GDR DECISION TO PROCEED WITH SUCH PLANS
AND EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS ITS ENCOURAGEMENT. INGERSOLL

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